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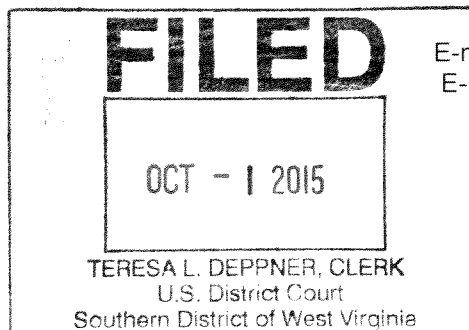
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Judge Berger,

We understand that a room has been set aside for media during jury selection for the Don Blankenship trial.

We propose that a pool reporter be designated to be in the room where jury selection is actually taking place. Such an arrangement shouldn't be burdensome if space is a consideration. It would also add transparency to the proceedings, which have a high degree of public interest.

Thank you for your understanding, and we eagerly await your decision.

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